

In the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An optical information-recording medium, for which recording is performed by irradiating a recording film with a laser beam to change the reflectivity or the optical phase of the recording film, comprising:

- a first transparent substrate through which the laser beam enters;
- a first information-recording layer deposited on the first transparent substrate;
- a first reflection film formed on the first information-recording layer;
- an intermediate layer deposited on the first reflection film;
- a second information-recording layer formed on the intermediate layer;
- a second reflection film deposited on the second information-recording layer; and
- a second substrate provided on the second reflection film,

wherein each of the first and the second information-recording layers is formed such that recording films are sandwiched between first and second dielectric layers, and

wherein the recording film of each of the first and second information-recording layers has a main composition represented by $(\text{GeTe})_x\text{Sb}_{2-y}\text{In}_y\text{Te}_3$, and its composition ratio is within ranges of $0.04 \leq y \leq 0.3$ and $4 \leq x \leq 8$, and

wherein the thickness of the recording film of each of the first and second information-recording layers is equal to or greater than 6 nm, and equal to or smaller than 13 nm.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An optical information-recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the first reflection film has a thickness of about 10 nm.

4. (Previously Presented) An optical information-recording medium, for which recording is performed by irradiating a recording film with a laser beam to change the reflectivity or the optical phase of the recording film, comprising:

a transparent substrate through which the laser beam enters;

an information-recording layer, being formed on the transparent substrate and including a first dielectric film deposited on the transparent substrate, a recording film deposited on the first dielectric film, and a second dielectric film deposited on the recording film; and

a reflection film formed on the second dielectric film,

wherein the recording film has a main composition represented by $(\text{GeTe})_x\text{Sb}_{2-y}\text{In}_y\text{Te}_3$, and its composition ratio is within ranges of $0.04 \leq y < 2$ and $4 \leq x \leq 8$, and

wherein the thickness of the recording film of each of the first and second information-recording layers is equal to or greater than 6 nm, and equal to or smaller than 13 nm.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) An optical information-recording/reproduction apparatus comprising:

an optical information-recording medium;

an optical head for irradiating the optical information-recording medium with a laser beam; and

a drive mechanism for driving the optical head to irradiate, with the laser beam, a desired position on the optical information-recording medium,

wherein the optical information-recording medium comprises:

a first transparent substrate through which the laser beam enters,

a first information-recording layer deposited on the first transparent substrate,

a first reflection film formed on the first information-recording layer,

an intermediate layer deposited on the first reflection film,

a second information-recording layer formed on the intermediate layer,

a second reflection film deposited on the second information-recording layer,

and

a second substrate provided on the second reflection film,

wherein each of the first and the second information-recording layers is formed such that recording films are sandwiched between first and second dielectric layers, and

wherein the recording film of each of the first and second information-recording layers has a main composition represented by $(\text{GeTe})_x\text{Sb}_{2-y}\text{In}_y\text{Te}_3$, and its composition ratio is within ranges of $0.04 \leq y < 2$ and $4 \leq x \leq 8$, and

wherein the thickness of the recording film of each of the first and second information-recording layers is equal to or greater than 6 nm, and equal to or smaller than 13 nm.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) An optical information-recording/reproduction apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the first reflection film has a thickness of about 10 nm.

9. (Previously Presented) An optical information-recording/reproduction apparatus comprising:

an optical information-recording medium;

an optical head for irradiating the optical information-recording medium with a laser beam; and

a drive mechanism for driving the optical head to irradiate, with the laser beam, a desired position on the optical information-recording medium,

wherein the optical information-recording medium comprises:

a transparent substrate through which the laser beam enters,

an information-recording layer, being formed on the transparent substrate and including a first dielectric film deposited on the transparent substrate, a recording film deposited on the first dielectric film, and a second dielectric film deposited on the recording film, and

a reflection film formed on the second dielectric film,

wherein the recording film has a main composition represented by $(\text{GeTe})_x\text{Sb}_{2-x}\text{In}_y\text{Te}_3$, and its composition ratio is within ranges of $0.04 \leq y < 2$ and $4 \leq x \leq 8$, and wherein the thickness of the recording film of each of the first and second information-recording layers is equal to or greater than 6 nm, and equal to or smaller than 13 nm.

10. (Canceled)